Release of Relief Fund

2615. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fund sanctioned by the National Relief Committee for heavy rains and floods in October, 1995, have not yet been released;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for ealry release of the fund?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Funds aggregataing Rs. 104.00 crores approved by the National Calamity Relief Committee as assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief to the six States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Meghalaya, Rajasthan and West Bengal in the wake of floods of September-October, 1995 have been released on 23rd August, 1996.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Poor performance by Delhi Students in CBSE Examination

2616. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of Government and Government-aided schools in Delhi performed very poorly in the Class 10th and 12th examinations in 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps will be taken to improve the performance of such students in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have intimated the majority of the students admitted to Govt. and Govt. aided schools come from very poor socio-economic background and very high percentage of them are first generation learners. This primarily contributes to poor results.

(c) The Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi have stated that an action plan has been initiated with the involvement of the district heads and all education officers, and involving those principles who have shown good performance over the years. Under this special classes for bridging the gaps and also strengthening the basics of the students coupled with examination-oriented education is being taken up from this year.

Development of Forest-Based Industries in Assam

2617. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and annual allocations made by the Centre for the development of forests and forest-related industries in Assam during the preceding three years;

(b) whether there are any proposals still pending sanction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) The details of the schemes and annual allocations made by the Centre for the development of forests in Assam during the preceding three years is at statement. (*see* below) There is no centrally sponsored scheme for development of forest related industries in Assam.

(b) No proposals are pending for sanction during the current year 1996-97.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount Released (Rupees in lakhs)		
		1993-94	[illegible]	1995-96
1.	Integrated Afforestation & Eco-development Project	—	[illegible]	54.00
2.	Area oriented fuel wood & fodder project	119.84	[illegible]	135.00
3.	Conservation & Development of non-timber forest produce including medicinal plants	7.00	11.2	6.33
4.	Seed Development	—	10.07	22.79
5.	Project Elephant	3.00	51.15	51.15 (Revalidated)
6.	Project Tiger	36.38	42.325	55.65
7.	Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries	103.97	—	47.80 (Revalidated)
8.	Eco-development around protected areas	11.25	—	—

गढ़वाल में ज्योति लिंग का रख-रखाव

2618. **श्री ज्ञान रंजन: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रथम ज्योति लिंग को प्रतिष्ठा उत्तर प्रदेश के गढ़वाल क्षेत्र में स्थित जागेश्वर में आठवीं शताब्दी में की गयी थी, जो ऐतिहासिक, धार्मिक तथा पर्यटन की दृष्टि से भी एक महत्वपूर्ण स्थल है परंतु इसका पुरातत्व विभाग द्वारा सही ढंग से रख-रखाव नहीं किया जा रहा है;

(ख) सरकार इस ऐतिहासिक स्थल के, जहां पर प्रतिवर्ष लाखों भारतीय और विदेशी पर्यटक आते है, अस्तित्व की रक्षा करने हेतु क्या-क्या कदम उठा रही है; और

(ग) क्या इस स्थल के जीर्णोधार हेतु पर्याप्त धनराशि आवंटित की जायेगी?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री एस०आर० बोम्बई): (क) से (ग) जगेश्वर स्थित केन्द्र द्वारा संरक्षित मंदिर समूह काफी अच्छी हालत में हैं, केन्द्र द्वारा संरिक्षत स्मारकों का जिनमें ये मंदिर समूह शामिल है, परिरक्षण, नियमित रख-रखाव देख-भाल, संरचनात्मक मरम्मत और रासायनिक परिरक्षण उनकी प्राथमिकताओं के अनुसार समय-समय पर किया जाता है। अलग-अलग स्मारक की वास्तविक आवश्यकता के अनुसार पुरातत्वीय सिद्धान्त के आधार पर धनराशि आबंटित की जाती है।

FICCI's Recommendation for Promotion of Agriculture

2619. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chembers of Commerce and Industries have urged the Government to initiate multi-pronged comprehensive strategy for promotion of agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the details of the study paper prepared by the FICCI and sent to Government; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No formal communication has been received from Federation of Indian